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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: MARCH 25 PLENARY SESSION

1. AT THE MARCH 25 PLENARY SESSION OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, THE ONLY STATEMENT WAS PRESENTED BY THE BELGIAN REP (ADRIAENSSEN). THE BELGIAN STATEMENT WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 21 AD HOC GROUP MEETING.

2. BELGIAN REP BEGAN BY BRIEFLY RECALLING THE RECENT FRG AND LUXEMBOURG PLENARY STATEMENTS, WHICH DEMANDED COMPENSATION FOR THE UNALTERABLE EASTERN GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGES AND FOR THE ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES WHICH WILL ACCRUE TO THE EAST AS A RESULT OF ANY FUTURE AGREEMENT.

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AFTER REVEIWING THE ALLIED INTERPRETATION OF THE

PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY, ADRIAENSSEN
WENT ON TO SUMMARIZE THE EXISTING EASTERN ADVANTAGES
IN GROUND FORCE MANPOWER AND MAIN BATTLE TANKS AND TO
CALL FOR THE ELIMINATION AND MITIGATION OF THESE
EASTERN GROUND FORCE ADVANTAGES. BELGIAN REP CLOSED
BY RESTATING THE WESTERN PROPOSAL FOR A COMMON CEILING
ON OVERALL GROUND FORCE MANPOWER ON EACH SIDE, AND FOR
AN OUTCOME OF APPROXIMATE PARITY IN GROUND FORCES.

3. THE TEXT OF ADRIAENSSEN'S STATEMENT WAS SENT BY
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